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**Lloyd Grisdale**, an Alberta pediatrician who also enjoyed sterling careers in organized medicine, medical education and public service, died in Edmonton Dec. 15, 1999. He was 79.

A 1946 graduate of the University of Alberta, he chaired the CMA board from 1969 to 1972 and assumed the presidency in 1975. He also served as Alberta's deputy minister of hospitals and medical care and as associate dean of medicine at the U of A. "There was an unhurried quality to all his actions, and his decisions were clear and logical," recalls Dr. Athol Roberts, who was "taken under Lloyd's wing" when he served as president 11 years after Grisdale. "He was never a critical man. If mistakes were made he did not condemn, and he did not assign blame."

Grisdale's comments in a 1975 issue of *CMAJ* indicate that he would have been equally at home in the presidency today. At the time Canada spent \$10 billion a year on health care (compared with \$78 billion today) and he responded to critics who said spending was out of control. "We're certainly in the ballpark [compared with other countries' spending]. It is irresponsible to suggest we're spending too much. Those who do need to be specific about the areas where too much is being spent." In 1983 his career was recognized by the CMA, which awarded him one of its highest honours, the Medal of Service.

He died "following a long struggle with stroke and heart disease." He is survived by his wife, Viola, and 3 children. *Patrick Sullivan, CMAJ*

**Barlass, Jack L.**, Calgary; University of Alberta, 1952; neurosurgery; pilot, RCAF, WW II; FRCSC; former chief, Division of Neurosurgery, Holy Cross

Hospital; consultant, Foothills, Rockyview General and Children's hospitals; past president, Holy Cross and Foothills hospitals; associate professor, University of Calgary. Died Sept. 14, 1999, aged 74; survived by 2 children.

**Bastarache, René, Tracy (Qué.)**; Université Laval, 1959; néphrologie; FRCPC. Décédé le 19 septembre 1999, à l'âge de 67 ans.

**Bean, Irwin W.**, Victoria; Queen's University, 1943; family medicine; CCFP, FCFP; RCAMC, WW II; former physician, Medical Arts Clinic, Regina; family physician-in-chief, Wellesley Hospital; emeritus professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of Toronto; member CMA executive, 1961-70; founding member and president, College of Family Physicians of Canada. Died Sept. 16, 1999, aged 82; survived by his wife, Helen, and 3 children.

**Forbes, M. Elizabeth**, Toronto; University of Western Ontario, 1942; diagnostic radiology; FACR; former consulting radiologist and radiologist-in-chief, Women's College Hospital; visiting associate professor, University of Toronto. Died Sept. 20, 1999, aged 82.

**MacDonald, John A.**, Burnaby, BC; University of Alberta, 1945. Died Sept. 20, 1999, aged 84.

**O'Brien, M. Justin (Gus)**, East York, Ont.; University of Toronto, 1942; pediatrics; FRCPC; surgeon lieutenant, RCN, WW II; former pediatric staff, Sick Children's and St. Michael's hospitals; staff, Outer Outpatient Clinic, Sioux Lookout, Ont.; medical consultant, Bloorview Hospital and Metropolitan Toronto Catholic Children's Aid; assistant professor, University of Toronto. Died Sept. 16, 1999, aged 84; survived by his wife, Margaret, and 2 children.

**Oshiro, James H.**, Coaldale, Alta.; Uni-

versity of Manitoba, 1952; army, WW II; former staff, Bella Coola General Hospital; Board of Directors, Alberta Medical Association; chancellor, University of Lethbridge; senior member, CMA. Died Sept. 20, 1999, aged 77. Ruth Wyton, coordinator of the local food bank, told the *Lethbridge Herald*: "He was generous to a fault. He believed everyone has a responsibility to share the burden of the less fortunate."

**Schuh, Otto W.**, Stratford, Ont.; University of Erlangen (Germany), 1946; anesthesia; FACA, FRCPC; former staff, Stratford General Hospital. Died Sept. 20, 1999, aged 81; survived by 2 children.

**Scrimgeour, John W.**, Thunder Bay, Ont.; University of St. Andrews (Scotland), 1943; obstetrics/gynecology; FRCOG, FRCSC; former staff, McKellar General Hospital. Died following a stroke Sept. 17, 1999, aged 78.

**Thompson, George A.**, Oakville, Ont.; University of Toronto, 1941; ophthalmology; FRCSC; former senior ophthalmologist, Toronto General Hospital; consultant, Princess Margaret Hospital; associate professor, University of Toronto; national consultant, CNIB. Died Aug. 31, 1999, aged 84; survived by his wife, Helen, and a son. His obituary stated: "He will be sadly missed by Sally, the family golden retriever."

**Webster, Mary F.**, Sarnia, Ont.; University of Western Ontario, 1941; DPH. Died Feb. 28, 1999, aged 81.

**Weir, Edward F.**, Huntington Beach, California; Dalhousie University, 1945; internal medicine. Died Aug. 31, 1999, aged 76; survived by his wife, Toss, 5 children and a stepdaughter.

**Wright, Lloyd A.**, Oakville, Ont.; University of Toronto, 1948; DABPM; RCAF, WW II; former area medical director, Bell Canada. Died Aug. 29, 1999, aged 79; survived by his wife, Helen, and 3 children.